

TAZEWELL VOTER DECLARES "SLEMP LIBELS GEO. PEERY"

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izen of Tazewell with one exception—that of a well known multimillionaire of this town who has so much money the rats build nests in it. And George Peery's war record is one of indefatigable personal service and generous contributions of money. He was food Administrator for Tazewell County under Herbert Hoover; he made scores of speeches in different parts of the County in various Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives, and devoted himself wholeheartedly to the war-time duties of a patriotic citizen, without thought of reward or financial loss. Mr. Slemp also has a splendid war record, but it will be recalled that his salary of \$7500 a year was not suspended by the government. It is recalled, too, that when the war was over and the faces of the Tazewell boys who didn't come back were remembered, and a movement was started to honor their memory with a memorial of some kind, George C. Peery was the only man in Tazewell who offered to encourage the movement with a cash subscription. This act of his, which is not a rumor but a fact, should seal with shame the lips of those who insinuate that he is not in sympathy with the cause of the boys who fought in the war.

Blames Politicians

"And yet Mr. Slemp makes the unqualified statement that along lines of personal service and generosity the Democratic candidate's record is a blank. It is a reasonable presumption that Mr. Slemp reflects the opinion of certain Tazewell Republican politicians as to George Peery's character and reputation, and that he believed he was telling the truth; but ignorance is no excuse for misrepresentation for political effect. When a real man finds out he is mistaken he hastens to correct himself. It remains to be seen whether Mr. Slemp will disavow his unjust and unfair attack on a stainless gentleman, who has always stood, stands now, and always will stand on a plane above the foul and false flings and misrepresentations directed against him in this campaign. George Peery does not know the rules of the game in which Mr. Slemp holds a hand. He is not built that way."

BIG STONE GAP AFTER HIGHWAY

Mayor Horsley Urges Job- bers to Aid in Building Connecting Link in Road

"Knoxville is the natural wholesale distributing point for a rich territory around Big Stone Gap, and years ago her dealers were about the only ones wholesaling here," W. J. Horsley, the mayor of the Virginia town, who was a visitor to Knoxville this week, told a Sentinel reporter.

Mayor Horsley is a member of the commercial club of Big Stone Gap and one of the most enthusiastic good roads boosters in that section of the country, and his remarks here chiefly concerned roads and the necessity for linking Knoxville with his home-town by a good highway.

Mayor Horsley said that of the late years Knoxville jobbers and wholesalers had neglected sending their salesmen there in any great number and that much of the trade of the territory was going elsewhere, and he urged that dealers here take advantage of the fertile field for business and encourage the building of roads to that section.

"At present Knoxville is connected with Big Stone Gap by a highway leading to Cumberland Gap and thence to your city," the mayor said. "This road is in fair condition except for a short distance between Rose Hill and Jonesville in Lee county, and which would connect with the Wise county, Virginia, system of roads on which more than \$1,000,000 have already been spent and more is being expended to develop highways that will tap the entire coal mining country."

"But the most important road for Knoxville and Big Stone Gap's mutual interest," he continued, "would be one following the Southern Railway to Duffield, thence to Kyles Ford, Rogersville and on to Knoxville. There are no mountains or hills on this route and an excellent grade could be maintained. Completion of this highway would mean that salesmen out of Knoxville could make a loop trip, either via Cumberland Gap to Big Stone Gap or via Duffield to Big Stone Gap and thence to Cumberland Gap and on home."

"I believe it would be to the interest of Knoxville merchants and

jobbers to help construct this road, or that part of it in Lee county between Duffield and Big Stone Gap," Mayor Horsley said, "a link of about five miles which will cost \$15,000 to \$20,000. Our people have put up several thousand dollars already in constructing the road and I think an additional \$5,000 can be secured, and Knoxville's people could make no better investment from a future commercial standpoint than to lend their help."

"If this is completed it will afford direct connection with a splendid highway now being built across Black Mountain to Lynch, Ky., which will open up a great area in Southeast Kentucky when completed and would be mutually advantageous to Knoxville dealers. Your merchants know our needs and I hope they will make more vigorous efforts to go after this business," he concluded.

Mayor Horsley is a vigorous booster of Big Stone Gap, discussing interestingly the location and advantages of his town for tourists, the excellent hotels, parking system and pure mountain water also limestone, sulphur and alum types. While in the city he visited the East Tennessee Division fair for a short while and expressed himself as surprised at the excellent showing that was being made there.—Knoxville Sentinel.

THE FACTS ABOUT THE DEATH OF YOUNG BAKER

Fugate Hill, Va., Oct. 8.—Quite a number of statements have been published in various papers recently, concerning the accident and death of J. Bickley Baker, some of which were erroneous, as to the manner in which he met his death, and having been able to get these facts from those who were present when the accident, which resulted in the young man's death occurred, I desire to extend to his many friends through the columns of this paper the information which they have not been able to obtain otherwise.

The young man was a son of J. A. Baker, a well known farmer of lower Russell. The accident which caused his death occurred on Saturday, afternoon, about 2 o'clock August 19, while operating a gasoline engine on the premises of his father. The engine seemed not to be running as smoothly as it should and the young man stepped upon the platform on which the engine was placed, holding in one hand a small iron rod about three eighths of an inch square and about thirty inches long, with this rod he pressed down the exhaust lever or arm in order to ascertain certain changes necessary in timing the exhaust, when the rod accidentally slipped and caught in the swiftly revolving wheel and before it was possible for him to even rise from the stooping posture, the rod coming around in the wheel struck him just beneath the heart, he did not fall but turned and stepped from the platform and dropped to his knees holding this position until his younger brother and his father and mother reached him—three neighbor boys were also in the engine house with him. The engine house being only about twenty-five yards from the residence, he was immediately carried there, the family physician being summoned at once was on the scene in less than 20 minutes but nothing could be done, the blow had paralyzed his heart. He only lived a short time, apparently did not suffer greatly, and although unable to speak audibly, and although recognizing those around him, especially his mother and in answer to her questions as to his readiness to meet God gave positive evidence that all was well—all of the members of the family were present except his oldest sister, Mrs. Gussie B. Meade, who arrived Sunday about noon, having been immediately notified by telegram. Mrs. Meade is the widow of E. L. Meade, a prominent young man of Scott county, who as a number of the readers of this article will remember, also died very suddenly, his death being the result of the use of too much cocaine in the extraction of a tooth by a dentist.

Having listened to the many words of honest and seemingly heartfelt praise of Bickley Baker since his death and having known him myself since childhood and knowing as I do the esteem in which he was held in his own community, I feel safe in saying his death has been one of the greatest shocks the people of this section have ever experienced. There is sincere mourning throughout this part of the county, where he was known and loved from childhood up, and well may there be mourning, for a nobler young man never fell at the stroke of fate.

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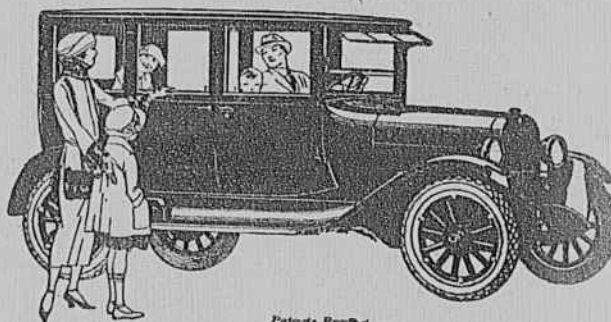
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